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1 Overview

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| Language family: | Indo-European (Indo-Iranian) |
| Countries: | Iran, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Russia, Azerbaijan |
| Number of speakers: | 70 million |
| Agreement features: | number, person |
| Attested word orders: | SV |
| Coordination types: | and, or |

(The data were entered by a native speaker via an online survey.)

2 Patterns for number

2.1 Coordination with “and”

2.1.1 SV order

Pattern: The number on the verb is plural in all cases.

| 1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct | sg | pl |
|-----------------------------|----|----|
| sg | pl | pl |
| pl | pl | pl |

Examples:

- (1) aan pesar va aan mard midavand.
the boy.SG and the man.SG run.3PL
'The boy and the man run.'
- (2) a. aan pesaraan va aan mard midavand.
the boy.PL and the man.SG run.3PL
'The boys and the man run.'
b. aan pesar va aan mardaan midavand.
the boy.SG and the manPL run.3PL
'The boy and the men run.'

2.2 Coordination with “or”

2.2.1 SV order

Pattern: The number on the verb is plural in all cases.

| 1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct | sg | pl |
|-----------------------------|----|----|
| sg | pl | pl |
| pl | pl | pl |

Examples:

- (3) aan pesar yaa aan mard midavand.
the boy.SG or the man.SG run.3PL
'The boy or the man run.'
- (4) a. aan pesaraan yaa aan mard midavand.
the boy.PL or the man.SG run.3PL
'The boys or the man run.'
b. aan pesar yaa aan mardaan midavand.
the boy.SG or the man.PL run.3PL
'The boy or the men run.'
- (5) aan pesaraan yaa aan mardaan midavand.
the boy.PL or the man.PL run.3PL
'The boys or the men run.'

3 Patterns for person

3.1 Coordination with “and”

3.1.1 SV order

Pattern: Mismatching person seem to be resolved according to the hierarchy 1 > 2 > 3. (Note: Number is resolved to plural.)

| 1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | | 1pl | 1pl |
| 2 | 1pl | | |
| 3 | 1pl | | |

Examples:

- (6) a. to va man midavim.
You and I run.1PL
'You and I run.'
- b. man va to midavim.
I and you run.1PL
'I and you run.'
- (7) a. maa va aanhaa midavim.
We and they run.1PL
'We and they run.'
- b. aanhaa va maa midavim.
They and we run.1PL
'They and we run.'

3.2 Coordination with “or”

3.2.1 SV order

Pattern: Mismatching person seem to be resolved according to the hierarchy 1 > 2 > 3. (Note: Number is resolved to plural.)

| 1st conjunct \ 2nd conjunct | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | | 1pl | 1pl |
| 2 | 1pl | | |
| 3 | 1pl | | |

Examples:

- (8) a. to yaa man midavim.
You or I run.1PL
'You or I run.'
- b. man yaa to midavim.
I or you run.1PL
'I or you run.'

- (9) a. maa yaa unaa midavim.
We or they run.1PL
'We or they run.'
- b. unaa yaa maa midavim.
They or we run.1PL
'They or we run.'